

W.G. NIELSEN & Co.

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A. ANNUAL REPORT

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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5(a) hereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/16 AND ENDING 12/31/16
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: W.G. NIELSEN & CO.

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ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

FIRM I.D. NO.

3200 CHERRY CREEK SOUTH DRIVE SUITE 470

(No. and Street)

DENVER

CO

80209

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

MR. WAYNE G. NIELSEN

303-830-1515

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

CAUSEY DEMGEN & MOORE P.C.

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

1125 Seventeenth St., Suite 1450

Denver

CO

80202-2025

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- ☒ Certified Public Accountant
☐ Public Accountant
☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, WAYNE G. NIELSEN, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of W.G. NIELSEN & CO., as of DECEMBER 31, 2016, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

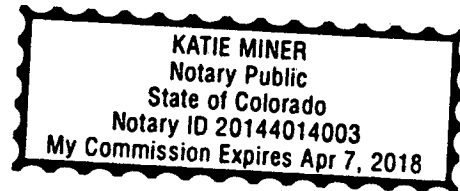
Wayne G. Nielsen
Signature

President

Title

Katie Miner

Notary Public



This report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing Page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☐ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☐ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☐ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☐ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-3 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audit and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

** For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM


To the Board of Directors and Shareholder
of W.G. Nielsen & Co.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of W.G. Nielsen & Co. as of December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statement. This financial statement is the responsibility of W.G. Nielsen & Co.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of W.G. Nielsen & Co. as of December 31, 2016 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Denver, Colorado
February 28, 2017


CAUSEY DEMGEN & MOORE P.C.

W.G. NIELSEN & CO.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
December 31, 2016

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 138,311
Accounts receivable-trade, net of allowance of \$0	23,187
Property and equipment:	
Office furniture and equipment	235,139
Leasehold improvements	<u>59,200</u>
	294,338
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(232,519)</u>
Net property and equipment	61,819
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>39,335</u>
	<u><u>\$ 262,653</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	\$ 12,414
Accrued commissions and payroll expenses	11,194
Deferred rent liability	8,959
Deferred revenue	<u>11,250</u>
Total liabilities	43,817
Commitments (Notes 4 and 7)	
Stockholder's equity:	
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 100,000 shares authorized, 1,000 shares issued and outstanding	10
Additional paid-in capital	706,287
Accumulated deficit	<u>(487,461)</u>
Total stockholder's equity	<u>218,836</u>
	<u><u>\$ 262,653</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

W. G. NIELSEN & CO.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2016

1. Organization and summary of significant accounting policies

Organization:

W. G. Nielsen & Co. (the "Company") is a broker registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and dealer in securities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company was incorporated in Colorado in 1996 and became licensed as a broker/dealer and commenced operations in 1997. The Company is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Company provides financial advisory and management services in the Rocky Mountain region for mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, public and private placements of debt and equity in addition to valuation services and analysis.

The Company has claimed an exemption from rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. The Company participates only in direct placements and accordingly, does not hold cash or securities for the account of customers.

Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Accounts receivable:

The Company provides an allowance for doubtful collections which is based upon a review of outstanding receivables and historical collections information. Accounts receivables are charged off in the period they are deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of previously charged off are recorded when received. Recoveries of receivables previously charged off are recorded when received. Receivables due greater than 90 days amounted to \$0 at December 31, 2016.

Revenue:

The Company recognizes revenues for services when the services are performed and are billable.

Advertising costs:

The Company expenses the cost of advertising as incurred. Advertising expense was \$0 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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1. Organization and summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Concentration of credit risk:

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally accounts receivable and cash. The Company's cash is held at financial institutions at which deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). At various times throughout the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company's cash demand deposits exceeded the FDIC's insurance limits.

Marketable securities owned:

Marketable securities owned are valued at market value.

Depreciation and amortization:

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation on office and equipment is provided by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets ranging from 3 to 10 years. Amortization of leasehold improvements is provided by the straight-line method over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the related assets or the lease term.

Investments:

Investments in common stock of non-controlled entities are recorded at cost and amounted to \$2,700 at December 31, 2016. During the year ended December 31, 2016, these investments were not evaluated for impairment. The fair values of the investments are not estimated because there have been no identified events or changes in circumstances that have an adverse effect on the fair value and it is not practicable to estimate fair value.

Income taxes:

Effective January 1, 2014, the Company changed its tax status from a "C" corporation to "S" corporation. As an "S" corporation, the stockholder recognizes its share of income or loss on its individual tax return.

Cash equivalents:

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

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2. Net capital requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule for fully disclosed broker/dealers (rule 15c3-1) which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2016 the Company had net capital of \$102,082 which was \$97,082 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company had aggregate indebtedness in the amount of \$43,817 therefore, its net capital ratio was .43 to 1 at December 31, 2016.

3. Related party transactions

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company paid consulting expenses in the amount of \$30,000 to a company related to the sole shareholder.

4. Commitments

The Company leases office space, equipment, and an automobile under non-cancelable operating leases. Total rental expense was \$181,889 for the year ended December 31, 2016. Total rent income from month to month sub lease rental income amounted to \$34,800 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The total minimum rental commitments at December 31, 2016 are as follows:

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Year ending December 31,	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$ 111,978
2018	232,278
2019	235,206
2020	228,669
2021	193,954
	<u>\$ 1,002,085</u>

6. Income taxes

The Company is subject to accounting guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") related to "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes." The guidance applies to all tax positions accounted for in the financial statements, including positions taken in a previously filed tax return or expected to be taken in a future tax return.

The Company has analyzed its filing positions in Federal and state jurisdictions where it is required to file income tax returns. Management believes the Company's positions and deductions will be sustained on audit and does not anticipate any adjustments that will result in a material adverse effect on its financial conditions, results of operations or cash flows.

The Company is no longer subject to U.S. Federal income tax examinations for years prior to 2013. The Company is no longer subject to Colorado income tax examinations for years prior to 2012.

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6. Major customer

Revenues earned from major customers are summarized in the table below, expressed as a percentage of consulting and financial advisory fees for the year ended December 31, 2016:

Customer #1	35.0%
Customer #2	12.5%
Customer #3	8.8%

7. Profit sharing plan

The Company has established a 401(k) profit sharing plan ("the Plan"). Any employee who is 21 and has completed one year of qualifying service is eligible to participate in the Plan. Employer contributions into the Plan vest to participating employees over a six year period. Effective January 1, 2005, the Company elected to become a Safe Harbor 401(k) Plan. Safe Harbor non-elective contributions are equal to 3% of a participant's compensation up to \$265,000 in 2016. Safe Harbor non-elective contributions into the plan totaled \$41,036 for the year ended December 31, 2016. The Company did not make a discretionary employer profit sharing contribution to the Plan for 2016.

8. Subsequent events

The Company has evaluated events subsequent to December 31, 2016 through February 28, 2017 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Except as disclosed above, there are no material events noted in this period which would impact the results reflected in this report.

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